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In re Patent Application of

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For: PLANTS HAVING MODIFIED GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS AND A METHOD

FOR MAKING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 30, 2007, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Attached is a copy of each of the following:

WO 96/39020 A;

EP 1 230 843 A;

WO 01/90343 A;

J.C. KIM et al., "A novel cold-inducible zinc finger protein from soybean, SCOF-1, enhances cold tolerance in transgenic plants", Plant Journal, Blackwell Scientific Publications, Vol. 25, No. 3, February 2001, Pgs. 247-259, XP002973197;

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H. TAKATSUJI, "Zinc-Finger Proteins: The Classical Zinc Finger Emerges in Contemporary Plant Science", Plant Molecular Biology, NIJHOFF Publishers, Vol. 39, No. 6, April 1999, Pgs. 1073-1078, XP001005447; and

H. SAKAMOTO, "Expression of a subset of the Arabidopsis Cys2/His2-type zincfinger protein gene family under water stress", Gene, Elsevier Biomedical Press, Vol. 248, No. 1-2, May 2000, Pgs. 23-32, XP004198793,

which are listed on the PTO 1449 Form filed June 7, 2005. Consideration of the attached and return of an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed June 7, 2005, as acknowledgement of the same, are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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